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CAPITAL ONE CUP FINAL



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- * ROONEY STATS
- * FUNNY PICS
- * TOUGH QUIZZES
- * & LOADS MORE!



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BARCELONA A

BARÇA's attack are gunning for Arsenal in the CL this week as they bid to become the greatest team in footy history!

SUAREZ

CL Games 26

CL Goals 17

**BARCELONA'S
TOP GOALSCORER
THIS SEASON!**

NEYMAR

CL Games 27

CL Goals 16

**BEST TRICKSTER
IN THE WORLD!**

ARE IN TOWN!

BEST ATTACK

EVER?



Check out
the deadly
trio's epic
CL stats!

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v Barcelona
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HISTORY MAKERS!

Here's why the Spanish champions could become the greatest team of all time!

1 No club has ever won the Champions League two seasons in a row. Could Barça become the first?



3 They made history by winning their second treble last season - this year they could do it for a record third time!



5 Messi, Pique and Iniesta are chasing their fifth CL title - more than Arsenal, Chelsea, Man. United and Man. City combined!



28 They're in another Copa del Rey final and chasing a record 28th victory in the cup. Legends!



MESSI

CL Games 102

CL Goals 80

**NO.1 PLAYER ON
THE PLANET!**

N'GOLO KANTE'S...

FANTASTIC FOXES!



The **LEICESTER** destroyer chats to **MATCH** about some of the stars of The Foxes' crazy title bid!

JAMIE VARDY...

THE GOAL MACHINE!

N'GOLO SAYS: "What he's done by beating the scoring record is incredible! He's so determined and never gives up. He likes having a good time and a laugh with the lads. He's been learning French! He hears me and Riyad speaking it and tries to copy what we say!"



KASPER SCHMEICHEL...

SAFE HANDS!

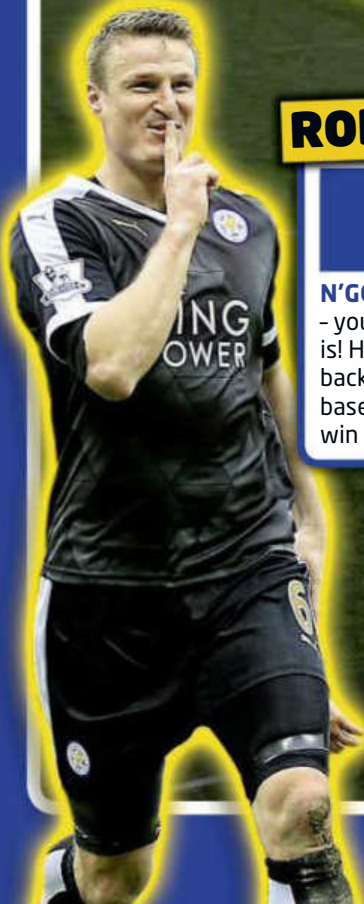
N'GOLO SAYS: "He's a great keeper and has made some fantastic saves! In fact, he's won a couple of games for us this season. He's also really good with his feet and at starting attacks. He's a great character to have in the dressing room!"



ROBERT HUTH...

THE BRICK WALL!

N'GOLO SAYS: "You've all seen him - you know how big and strong he is! Him and Wes Morgan hold the back four together - they're the base for our defence. Who would win in a fight? I'd better not say!"



WES MORGAN...

THE LEADER!

N'GOLO SAYS: "Wes is like Huth - he's big and strong, and a real leader. During the season, if we've ever been a goal or two down, he's been the man to rally us. He'll tell us not to get our heads down, that we're not out of it and that we can come back. So he's very positive!"



DANNY DRINKWATER...

THE PLAYMAKER!

N'GOLO SAYS: "Danny is a real playmaker in our side. He's very skilful, and just as good attacking as he is defending. He's very tough, strong and compact and he's a key player for us. He's a really good guy, and likes a laugh and a joke too!"



RIYAD MAHREZ...

THE MAGICIAN!

N'GOLO SAYS: "He finds it so easy to go past players and put them out of the game. He does it all the time in training and then again in games! But it's not just his dribbling ability - he scores key goals, runs games with his ability and can change a match in one movement with his skill!"

"IT'S BEEN A
GREAT SEASON SO
FAR. NOW THERE ARE
12 GAMES TO GO -
LET'S HOPE WE CAN
KEEP GOING!"

AND ME...

ALL-ROUNDER!

N'GOLO SAYS: "I wouldn't say I'm outstanding in any area of my game, but I'm a pretty good all-rounder. When we need to defend I'm pretty good at defending, but when we attack I'm good at getting forward to help out too! I just try to do my best on matchdays and in training."



Kante was speaking at the launch of the FIFA 16 Ultimate Team Winter Upgrades, and is now available as part of the FIFA 16 Ultimate Team Winter Upgrades. To find out more on the latest upgrades head to www.easports.com/uk/fifa/ultimateteam

CAPITAL ONE CUP FINAL!

UP FOR THE



THE TROPHY'S GOT CITY'S NAME ON IT!

- ✓ City have one of the best attacks in the Prem! If **Sterling, Toure, Silva** and **Aguero** hit top form, they'll be unstoppable!
- ✓ **Manuel Pellegrini** is still chasing four trophies in his final season at the club - he'll be desperate to win the first here!
- ✓ City have **scored eight more goals** than Liverpool on their way to the final, and haven't needed a penalty shoot-out either!



MAN. CITY'S ROAD TO WEMBLEY



3RD ROUND

Sunderland 1-4 Man. City



4TH ROUND

Man. City 5-1 Crystal Palace



QUARTER-FINAL

Man. City 4-1 Hull



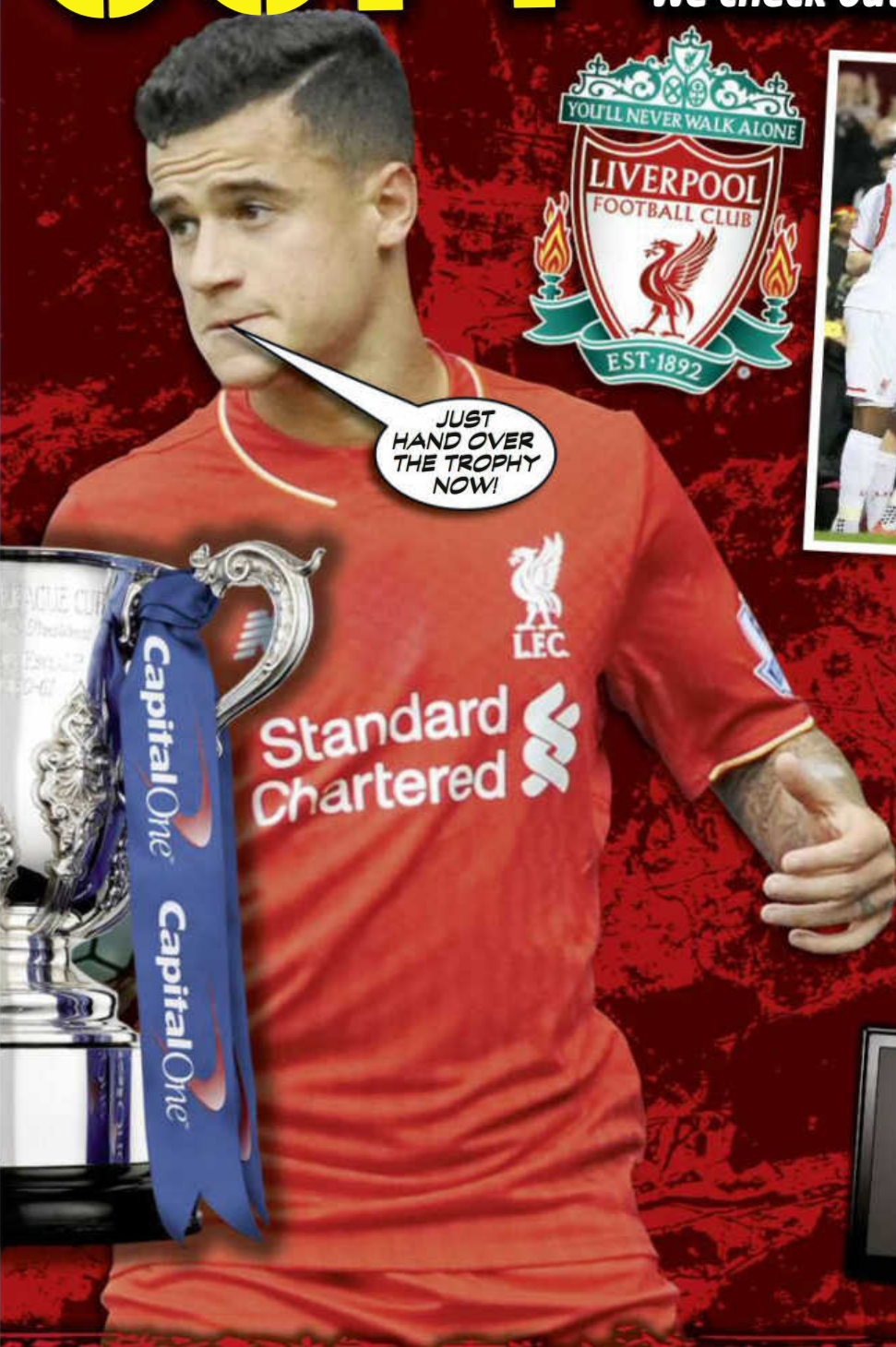
SEMI-FINAL

Everton 2-1 Man. City
Man. City 3-1 Everton

Man. City win 4-3 on aggregate

CUP!

The first trophy of the season is up for grabs this Sunday, as **MAN. CITY** battle **LIVERPOOL** in the Capital One Cup final! We check out both teams' chances!



IT'S LIVERPOOL'S LEAGUE CUP!

- ✓ The last time they played each other, **Coutinho** and **Firmino** tore Man. City apart in a 4-1 win!
- ✓ The Reds have a great record in this competition. They've **won it eight times** - more than any team!
- ✓ City's defence has been dodgy lately and **De Bruyne's injured**, so it's a great time to play them!



LIVERPOOL'S ROAD TO WEMBLEY



3RD ROUND

Liverpool 1-1 Carlisle

■ Liverpool win 3-2 on pens



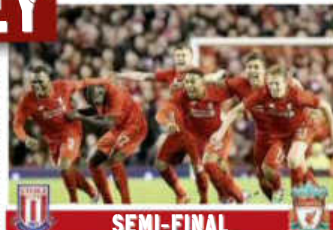
4TH ROUND

Liverpool 1-0 Bournemouth



QUARTER-FINAL

Southampton 1-6 Liverpool



SEMI-FINAL

Stoke 0-1 Liverpool
Liverpool 0-1 Stoke

■ Liverpool win 6-5 on pens

PEP



TALK!

Legendary Bayern Munich boss **PEP GUARDIOLA** is desperate to add another CL trophy to his collection before he joins Man. City! Is the Spaniard the best gaffer around? MATCH investigates...



PEP'S NO.1!

- ✓ Guardiola has only been a footy boss since 2007, but he's already won 19 major trophies - most gaffers don't win that many in their career!
- ✓ Not only has he won loads of titles, he's done it in style! His teams always play attacking football, and it's great to watch!
- ✓ He's awesome at coaching wonderkids - he helped turn players like Pique, Alaba, Thiago and Busquets into top talents!



FERGIE
TIME...
WHAT'S
THAT?

DID YOU KNOW?

Arsenal became the first Prem team to score over 100 goals in the 90+ minute after Welbeck's late header against Leicester last week!

MANAGER MERRY-GO-ROUND

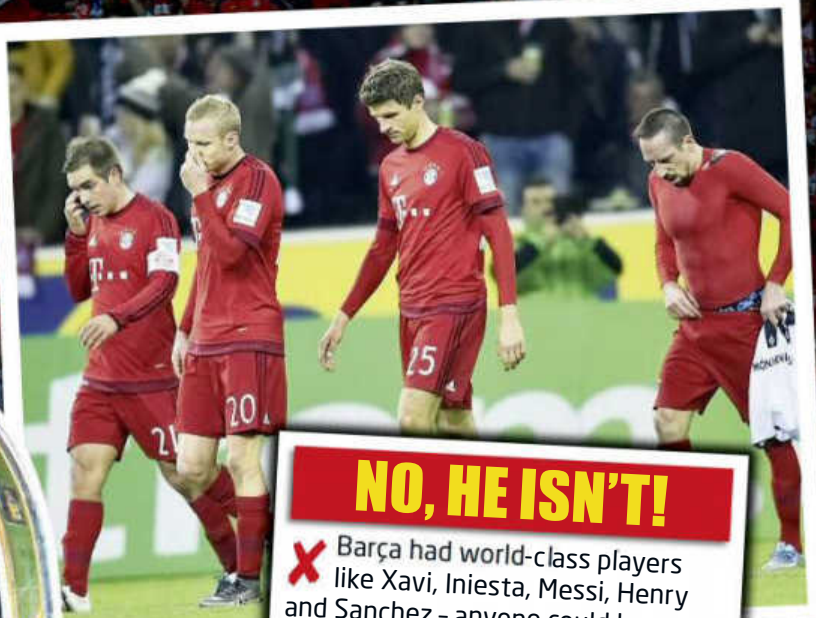
Palermo's crazy owner Maurizio Zamparini appointed his 35th manager in 14 years last week... three months after sacking him! Gaffer **Beppe Iachini** was given the boot in November, but now he's back in the hot-seat. Mad!





YOUR SHOUT!

Is Pep the best manager in the world? Tell us on the MATCH Facebook page!



NO, HE ISN'T!

- ✗ Barça had world-class players like Xavi, Iniesta, Messi, Henry and Sanchez - anyone could have won trophies with stars like them!
- ✗ Bayern have a mind-blowing squad too, and have totally bossed German footy for ages!
- ✗ The Bundesliga giants won the CL in 2013, but they haven't got past the semis since Pep arrived!

TROPHY CABINET!



2 Champions Leagues

3 La Ligas

2 Bundesligas

2 Copa del Reys

3 FIFA Club World Cups

3 Spanish Super Cups

3 UEFA Super Cups

1 German Cup

THE RUMOUR MILL

Could these happen in the summer?



PAUL POGBA

£85 MILLION

Juventus to Barcelona



DAVID ALABA

£40 MILLION

Bayern Munich to Man. City



EDINSON CAVANI

£35 MILLION

PSG to Man. United



N'GOLO KANTE

£20 MILLION

Leicester to Arsenal

TALKING POINT!

ASTON VILLA

WORST PREM TEAM EVER?

ASTON VILLA are one of only seven teams to have played in every Prem season, but not for much longer! They look certain to go down this year - has there ever been a worse Prem team? We check out their sorry stats!

AS IT STANDS

		P	W	D	L	+/-	Pts
17	NORWICH	26	6	6	14	-20	24
18	NEWCASTLE	26	6	6	14	-22	24
19	SUNDERLAND	26	6	5	15	-18	23
20	ASTON VILLA	26	3	7	16	-26	16



ER... TAXI FOR GARDE!

THE BEST OF THE WORST!

Villa only need three more points to match Portsmouth and Sunderland's dodgy seasons, but they might struggle to overtake Watford's tally of 24!

2007-08	DERBY	11 points
2005-06	SUNDERLAND	15 points
2009-10	PORTSMOUTH	19 points
2002-03	SUNDERLAND	19 points
1999-00	WATFORD	24 points

YOUR SHOUT!

Do you think this Villa side is the worst Prem team ever? Tell us on the MATCH Facebook page!

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They made their fans wait nearly five months for a league victory at Villa Park this season. Ouch!

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Remi Garde's men have only scored ten goals at home - no team in England has netted less. Shocking!

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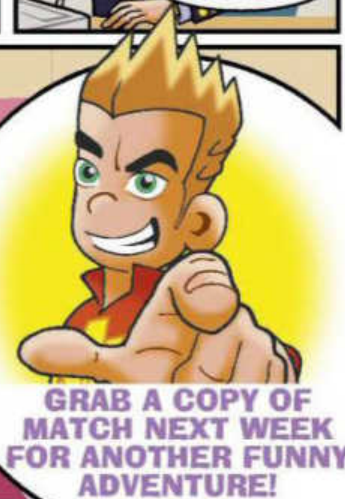
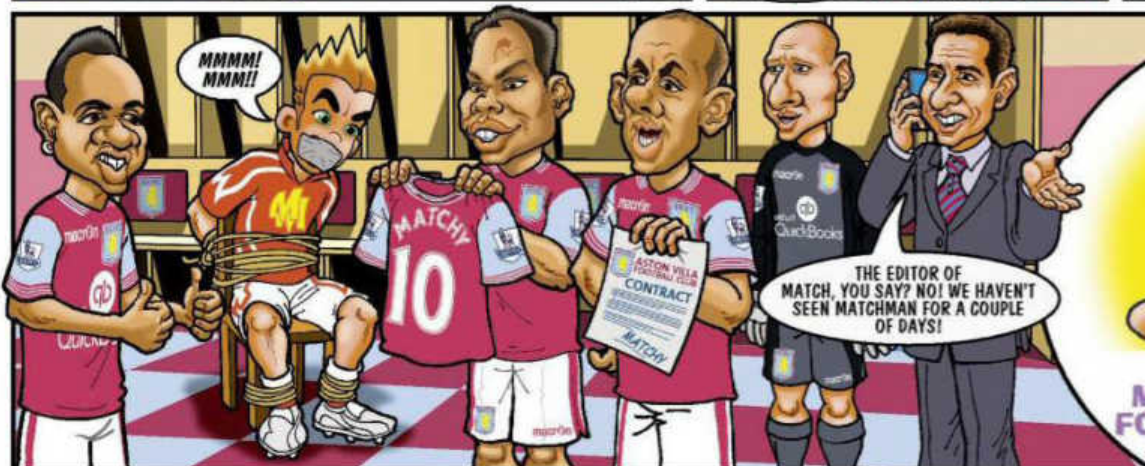
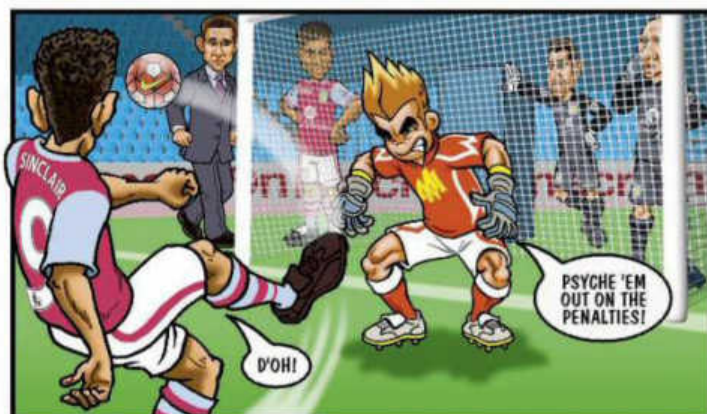
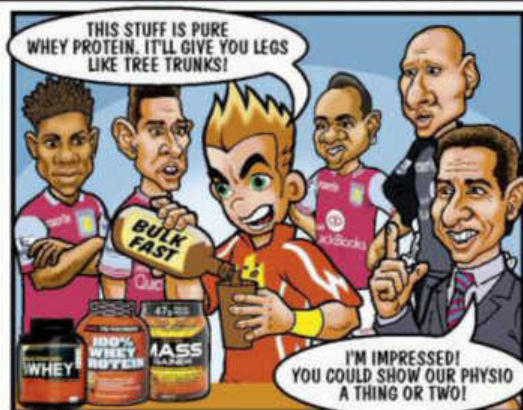
They're the lowest scorers in England, and the fewest Prem goals they've ever bagged in a season is 31!

81

Aston Villa's crushing 6-0 defeat to Liverpool earlier this month was their worst at home for 81 years!



THE AWESOME ADVENTURES OF MATCHMAN



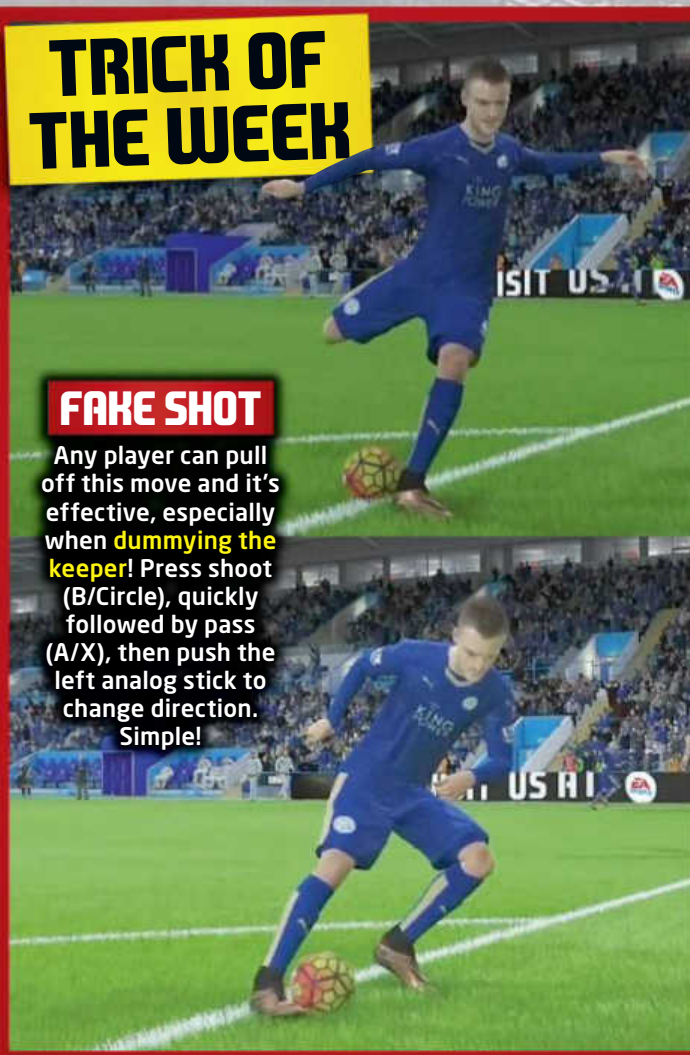
FIFA 16 ZONE!



TRICK OF THE WEEK

FAKE SHOT

Any player can pull off this move and it's effective, especially when **dummying the keeper**! Press shoot (B/Circle), quickly followed by pass (A/X), then push the left analog stick to change direction. Simple!



TACTICS CORNER

SQUAD FORMATIONS ROLES INSTRUCTIONS TACTICS



Always Overlap

Make forward runs as much as possible

ATTACKING RUNS



Always Overlap

INTERCEPTIONS



Normal Interceptions (Default)

ATTACKING FULL-BACKS

Boost your attacking options by getting your **FBs involved in the action**! In team management, scroll to 'Instructions', select your RB and use the right analog stick to select 'Always Overlap' in the 'Attacking Runs' tab. Then do the same with your LB!



FIFA SCOUT!

Having a top-class CF in Career Mode allows you to play different formations. Here are the best ones!

CENTRE FORWARDS



MULLER
BAYERN MUNICH

CF 86

Muller is the perfect CF - he's a quality finisher with good passing stats and 94 for Att. Position! Get ready to spend big, though - we paid a huge £50 million to snap him up!



MARTINEZ
TORINO

CF 74

Martinez might not have the best OVR right now, but he's super quick with bags of potential!



TEIXEIRA
SHAKHTAR

CF 82

Teixeira's now in China, but we paid £26 million to sign him for our Liverpool team. He's wicked!

YOUR TEAMS

Dean Graham picked up a few tips from the MATCH FIFA expert when he put this La Liga FUT team together for less than 20,000 coins!



WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

Have you built a brilliant Bundesliga squad?



SEND US YOUR TEAMS!

Do you have a Legendary La Liga line-up?



EMAIL IT TO MATCH!

Is your Prem team practically perfect?



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BOOT ROOM

↘ **BOOTS** ↘ **BALLS** ↘ **KITS** ↘ **& MUCH MORE!**

Adidas Messi 15.1 FG

Get a load of the awesome new colourway of the Adidas Messi boot! You can bust nets for fun just like Leo in these semi solar slime, solar red and core black kicks!

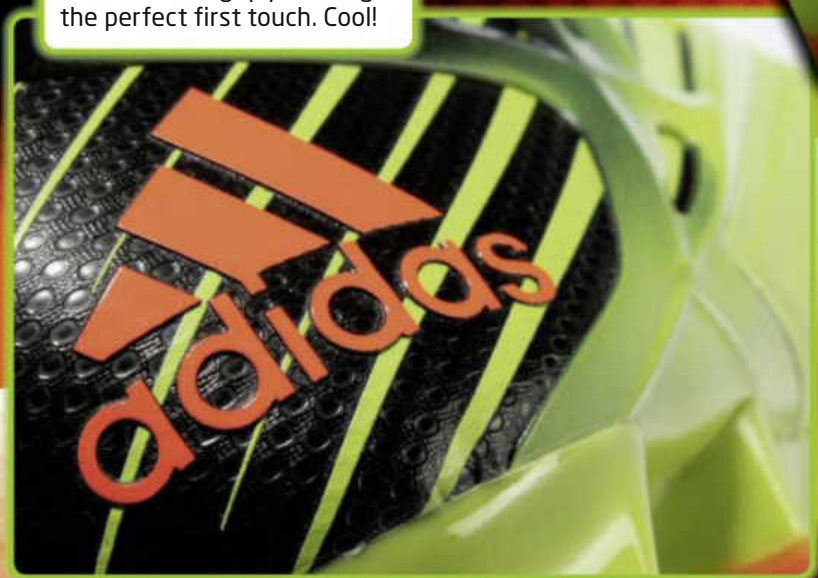
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Control

↘ The class cleats feature an epic X-ray material on the upper called messiTOUCH to improve your ball control!

↘ A super-soft leather-like material covers the top of the boot, with 3D grip providing the perfect first touch. Cool!



A collage featuring a soccer player, a soccer boot, and a close-up of the boot's soleplate. The player is in the center, wearing a grey long-sleeved shirt with a small logo on the chest. He is holding up his right hand, showing a tattoo on his forearm. The background is a green and yellow pattern. The boot is shown in two locations: a close-up of the laces and upper part in the top left, and a large side view in the bottom left. The soleplate is shown in a circular inset in the bottom right.

Boot stats

➤ Barça legend Messi has already bagged over 20 goals in all comps in the different 15.1 colourways this season!

➤ Ten other players in world footy, including Chelsea star Kenedy, were picked to wear the Messi 15.1 boot. Wow!

Power

➤ The messiGAMBETRAX stud pattern along the bottom of the boot delivers explosive acceleration on all surfaces!

➤ The engineered 3D cage in the heel can help improve your balance and makes it quicker to turn, too. Class!

Awesome Indoor Trainers

If you play a lot of indoor footy, you're gonna love these!

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Adidas X 15.1 CT

Plush padding wraps around your ankle for ace comfort!

Price: £74.99



Nike HypervenomX Proximo Neymar

You can get these in junior sizes, too!

Price: £134.99



Puma Invicto Fresh Indoor

These trainers have a special coating to improve ventilation!

Price: £54.99



Nike HypervenomX Finale

We love the metallic red bronze colourway on these!

Price: £69.99



Adidas ACE 16.3 Primemesh

The indoor version has the class sock-like collar, too!

Price: £61.99



Joma Super Flex Microfibre

The sole on these has top grip for ace acceleration!

Price: £39.99



Adidas X 15.3 Kids

These trainers only come in junior sizes!

Price: £39.99

Nike Hypervenom boots

Say hello to the Hypervenom Phantom II boots! The bonkers green glow and metallic silver colourway looks class, and the hyper orange insoles rock!

Price: £230
store.nike.com



Top Eleven 2016 – Be a Football Manager

Think you could be the next Jose Mourinho? Well, now you can test your management skills on your smartphone or tablet with the Top Eleven game! Make ace transfers, motivate your players on and off the pitch and even build a stadium!

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Prem Legend shirts

These guys used to rip up the Prem!

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Henry Arsenal shirt

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Fowler Liverpool shirt

Fowler bagged over 180 goals for The Reds!

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Euro 2016 shirts

You'll see these away shirts at Euro 2016!

uk.puma.com



Switzerland

Xherdan Shaqiri will rock this bad boy in France this summer!

Price: TBC



Slovakia

Can Martin Skrtel help Slovakia spring a surprise wearing this?

Price: TBC



Czech Republic

Czech Republic ooze class in this epic shirt!

Price: TBC



SNAPPED!

MATCH checks out the funniest footy pics we've seen recently!

Nose breaker for Cahill!

Wazza's bicycle kicks are lethal!



Epic fail!

Valentine's Day was last week, fellas!

GREAT GOAL! GIMME A HUG!



THEO'S NEVER GONNA FIND ME!



Guess who?

The Ox is rubbish at Hide-And-Seek!

Guff time!

Smelly Sergio!



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Ranieri's riches!

Will it be a monster pay rise for Claudio if Leicester win the title?

THE PIZZAS ARE ON ME!



HELP! IT BURNS, MATCH!

Flamin' hot!

No more chilli sarnies for Roberto Martinez!

GET OUTTA MY WAY!

Mitrovic muscle!

IT KEEPS MY LEGS WARM!

Fashion flop!

And we thought Wenger's coats were bad!

COME ON REF!

What a baby!

Costa's always throwing his toys out of the pram!

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TRANSFER GOSSIP, VIDEOS & EPIC LOLS!**



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IF YOU LOVE FOOTBALL, IT'S GOT TO BE MATCH!



RACE FOR THE TITLE!



It's the craziest Premier League title fight of all time!
MATCH ranks **LEICESTER, TOTTENHAM, ARSENAL** and **MAN. CITY**
 over loads of different categories to see who has the edge!



THE CATEGORIES...

- | | | |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| ➤ GOALKEEPERS | ➤ MATCH WINNER | ➤ AWAY RECORD |
| ➤ DEFENDERS | ➤ MANAGER | ➤ STYLE OF PLAY |
| ➤ MIDFIELDERS | ➤ FORM | ➤ RUN-IN |
| ➤ STRIKERS | ➤ HOME RECORD | ➤ EXPERIENCE |

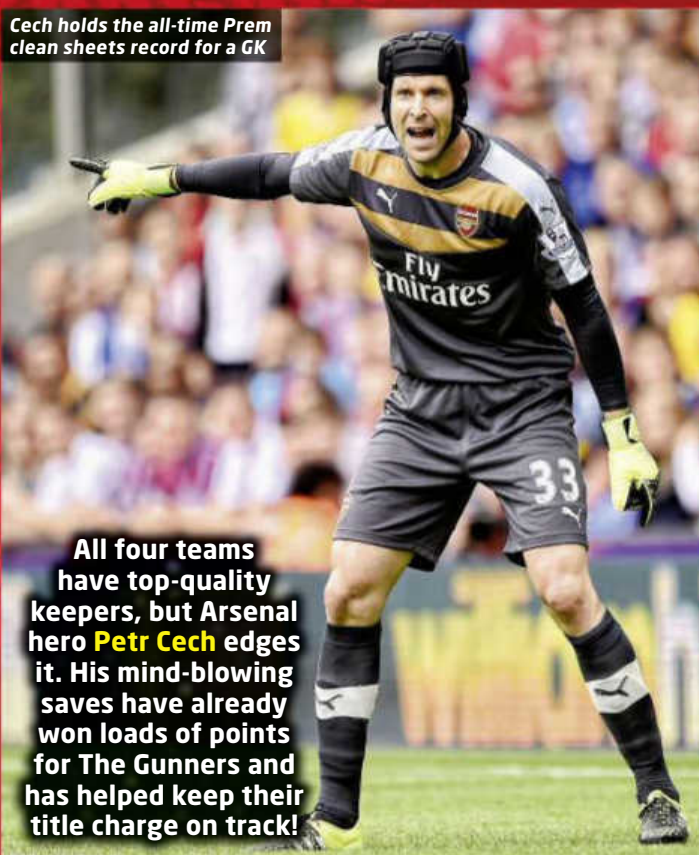
HOW IT WORKS!

Each team gets four points for winning a category, three points for second, two points for third and one point for fourth. The team with the most points wins!



GOALKEEPERS

Cech holds the all-time Prem clean sheets record for a GK



All four teams have top-quality keepers, but Arsenal hero **Petr Cech** edges it. His mind-blowing saves have already won loads of points for The Gunners and has helped keep their title charge on track!



Hugo Lloris



Joe Hart



Kasper Schmeichel

RATINGS

	ARSENAL	1ST
	MAN. CITY	2ND
	TOTTENHAM	3RD
	LEICESTER	4TH



Laurent Koscielny



Wes Morgan



Vincent Kompany

RATINGS

	TOTTENHAM	1ST
	ARSENAL	2ND
	LEICESTER	3RD
	MAN. CITY	4TH

DEFENDERS

Alderweireld has played every single Prem minute for Spurs



Spurs have conceded less goals than any other team, and **Toby Alderweireld** has probably been the best CB in the Prem! Arsenal have the next best defensive record, Leicester duo Wes Morgan and Robert Huth have been solid, while Man. City have badly missed Vincent Kompany!

MIDFIELDERS

Kante has to be one of the best signings of the season



This category was tough to pick! Spurs' entire midfield has been class with Dele Alli being one of the breakout stars of the season, while Mesut Ozil's got more assists than anyone, but it has to go to Leicester! **N'Golo Kante** never stops running and Riyad Mahrez destroys teams for fun!



Mesut Ozil



Dele Alli



Yaya Toure

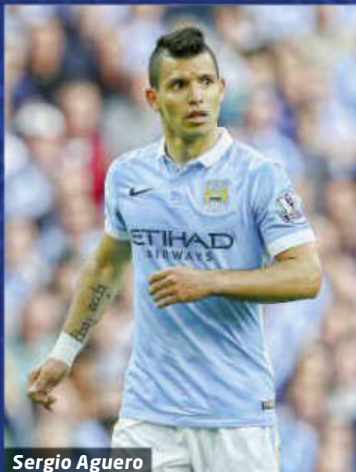
RATINGS

	LEICESTER	1ST
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STRIKERS



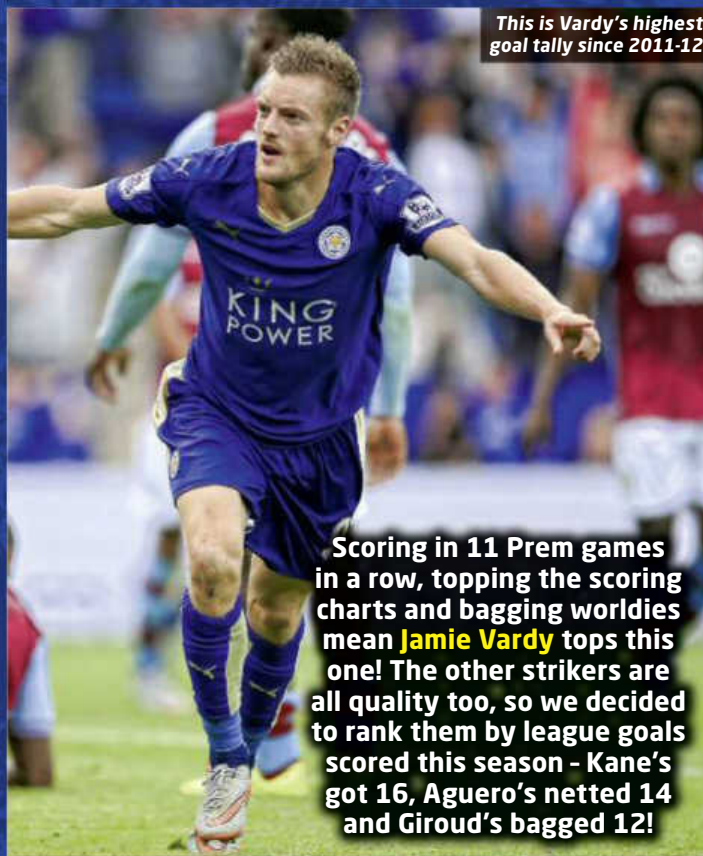
Harry Kane



Sergio Aguero



Olivier Giroud



This is Vardy's highest goal tally since 2011-12

RATINGS

	LEICESTER	1ST
	TOTTENHAM	2ND
	MAN. CITY	3RD
	ARSENAL	4TH

Scoring in 11 Prem games in a row, topping the scoring charts and bagging worldies mean **Jamie Vardy** tops this one! The other strikers are all quality too, so we decided to rank them by league goals scored this season - Kane's got 16, Aguero's netted 14 and Giroud's bagged 12!

MATCH WINNER

Aguero has scored 92 goals in just 132 Premier League games



A match winner is somebody who can create something out of nothing and win games all by himself, and that describes **Sergio Aguero**! The Man. City legend has a track record of winning games with individual brilliance, but Alexis Sanchez, Riyad Mahrez and Christian Eriksen aren't far behind him!



Alexis Sanchez



Riyad Mahrez



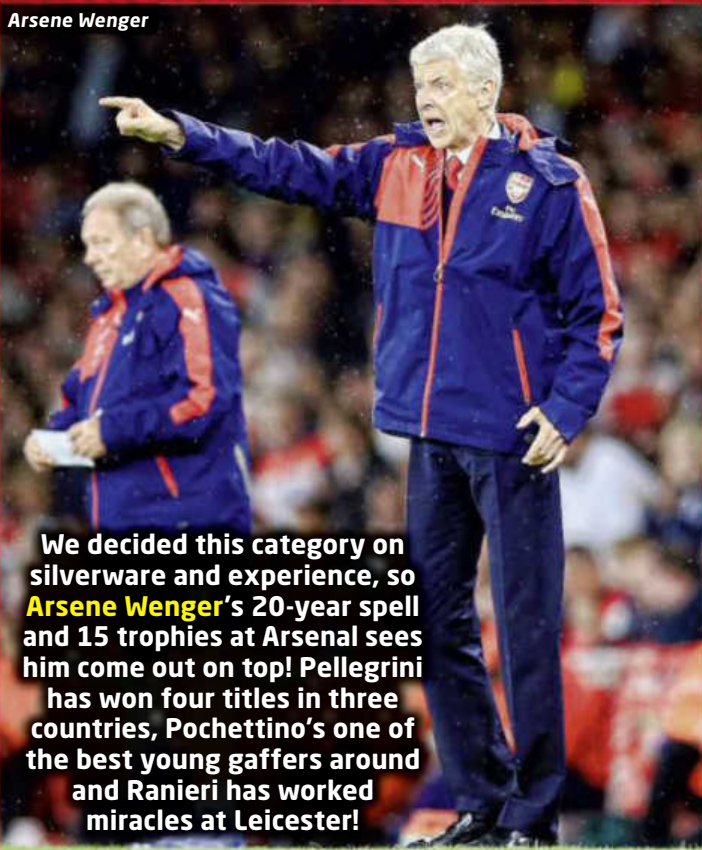
Christian Eriksen

RATINGS

	MAN. CITY	1 ST
	ARSENAL	2 ND
	LEICESTER	3 RD
	TOTTENHAM	4 TH

MANAGER

Arsene Wenger



We decided this category on silverware and experience, so **Arsene Wenger's** 20-year spell and 15 trophies at Arsenal sees him come out on top! Pellegrini has won four titles in three countries, Pochettino's one of the best young gaffers around and Ranieri has worked miracles at Leicester!



Mauricio Pochettino



Manuel Pellegrini



Claudio Ranieri

RATINGS

	ARSENAL	1ST
	MAN. CITY	2ND
	TOTTENHAM	3RD
	LEICESTER	4TH



Leicester have 13 points out of 18



Arsenal have 9 points out of 18



City have 8 points out of 18

FORM

Tottenham have 15 points out of 18



Tottenham top this category hands down! They've won their last five games, including a 2-1 win over City at The Etihad! The Foxes are next with four wins out of six, but City are bottom. They've lost their last two at home to Leicester and Spurs, and haven't won two games in a row since October!

RATINGS

	TOTTENHAM	1ST
	LEICESTER	2ND
	ARSENAL	3RD
	MAN. CITY	4TH

HOME RECORD

Arsenal have won 27 points at home



Man. City have won more home games than any of these teams, but they've also lost the most! **Arsenal** have bagged eight wins, including big title showdowns against City and Leicester, and only Man. United have conceded fewer goals at home, so The Gunners grab first place!



Leicester have won 25 points at home



Man. City have won 28 points at home



Spurs have won 25 points at home

RATINGS

	ARSENAL	1ST
	MAN. CITY	2ND
	LEICESTER	3RD
	TOTTENHAM	4TH



Spurs have won 26 points away



Arsenal have won 24 points away



City have won 19 points away

RATINGS

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AWAY RECORD

Leicester have won 28 points away



Leicester are the Prem's away-day specialists - they've won more games and scored more goals away from home than any other team! Spurs and Arsenal have been pretty decent on the road too, but City have struggled big-time - they've won five, drawn four and lost three!

STYLE OF PLAY

Spurs average 55% possession per game so far this season



This was another really close one! City have been hit-and-miss so finish rock-bottom and Arsenal haven't been as free-flowing as usual, so they're third! Leicester's rapid counter-attacking style and no-fear approach has bagged loads of praise this season, but we think **Tottenham's** all-round game and possession play wins!



Leicester have hit a joint-top 48 goals



Arsenal's passing accuracy is 84%



City are top for most shots per game

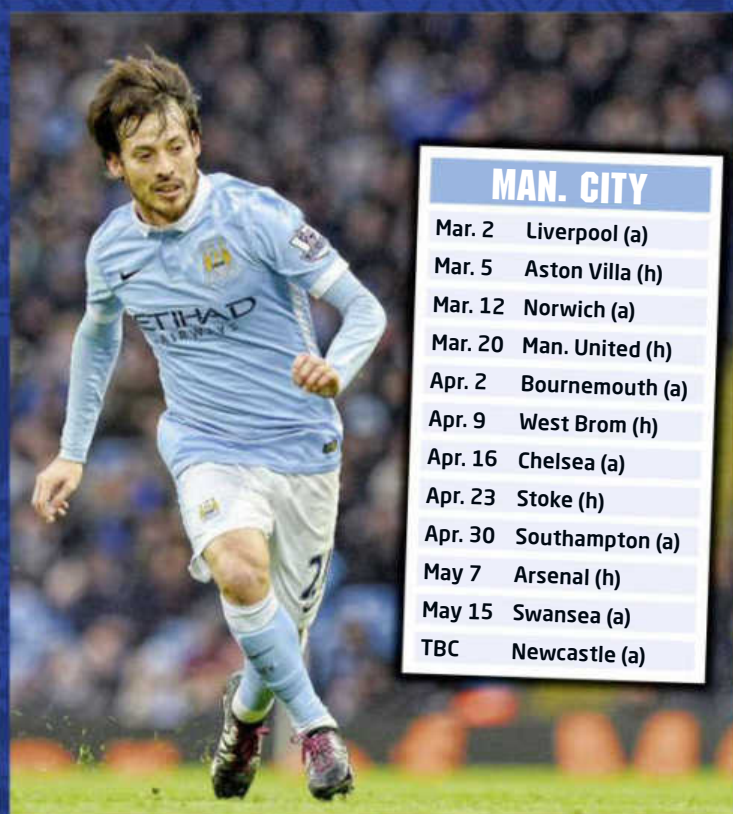
RATINGS

	TOTTENHAM	1ST
	LEICESTER	2ND
	ARSENAL	3RD
	MAN. CITY	4TH

RUN-IN

CURRENT PREM TABLE

		P	W	D	L	F	A	+/-	Pts
1	LEICESTER	26	15	8	3	48	29	+19	53
2	TOTTENHAM	26	14	9	3	47	20	+27	51
3	ARSENAL	26	15	6	5	41	23	+18	51
4	MAN. CITY	26	14	5	7	48	28	+20	47



MAN. CITY

Mar. 2	Liverpool (a)
Mar. 5	Aston Villa (h)
Mar. 12	Norwich (a)
Mar. 20	Man. United (h)
Apr. 2	Bournemouth (a)
Apr. 9	West Brom (h)
Apr. 16	Chelsea (a)
Apr. 23	Stoke (h)
Apr. 30	Southampton (a)
May 7	Arsenal (h)
May 15	Swansea (a)
TBC	Newcastle (a)



TOTTENHAM

Feb. 28	Swansea (h)
Mar. 2	West Ham (a)
Mar. 5	Arsenal (h)
Mar. 12	Aston Villa (a)
Mar. 19	Bournemouth (h)
Apr. 2	Liverpool (a)
Apr. 9	Man. United (h)
Apr. 16	Stoke (a)
Apr. 23	West Brom (h)
Apr. 30	Chelsea (a)
May 7	Southampton (h)
May 15	Newcastle (a)

Leicester end with three tricky fixtures, but every game before that looks winnable - plus they have no distractions from cup competitions! Spurs visit bogey side Liverpool, City have seven away games, while Arsenal travel to United, Spurs, Everton, West Ham and City!

RATINGS

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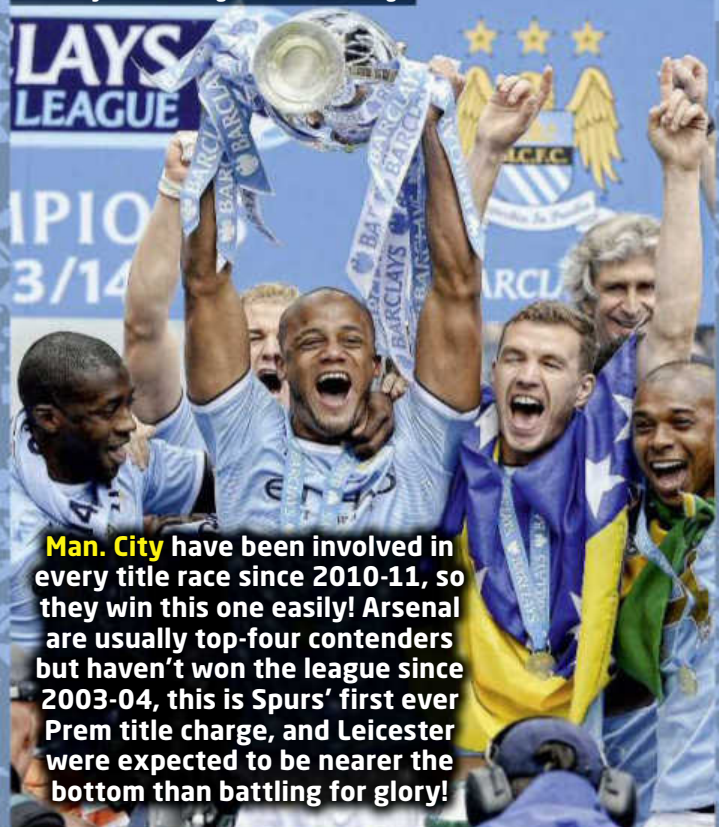
LEICESTER

Feb. 27	Norwich (h)
Mar. 1	West Brom (h)
Mar. 5	Watford (a)
Mar. 14	Newcastle (h)
Mar. 19	Crystal Palace (a)
Apr. 2	Southampton (h)
Apr. 9	Sunderland (a)
Apr. 16	West Ham (h)
Apr. 23	Swansea (h)
Apr. 30	Man. United (a)
May 7	Everton (h)
May 15	Chelsea (a)



EXPERIENCE

Man. City won the league two seasons ago



Arsenal's last title was 12 years ago



Leicester have never won the title, but bagged the Championship in 2013-14



Spurs haven't been champs since 1961

RATINGS

	MAN. CITY	1ST
	ARSENAL	2ND
	TOTTENHAM	3RD
	LEICESTER	4TH

VERDICT

After looking at the strengths and weaknesses of each team and crunching all the numbers, we think Spurs will win their first Prem title! There will be more twists and turns before May, but Spurs' red-hot form and better goal difference could give them the edge!

TOTAL SCORES

	TOTTENHAM	32 PTS
	ARSENAL	31 PTS
	LEICESTER	31 PTS
	MAN. CITY	26 PTS

YOUR SHOUT!

Do you agree with our verdict? Let us know your thoughts on the **MATCH Facebook** and **Twitter** pages!



**CHAMPIONS
TOTTENHAM**





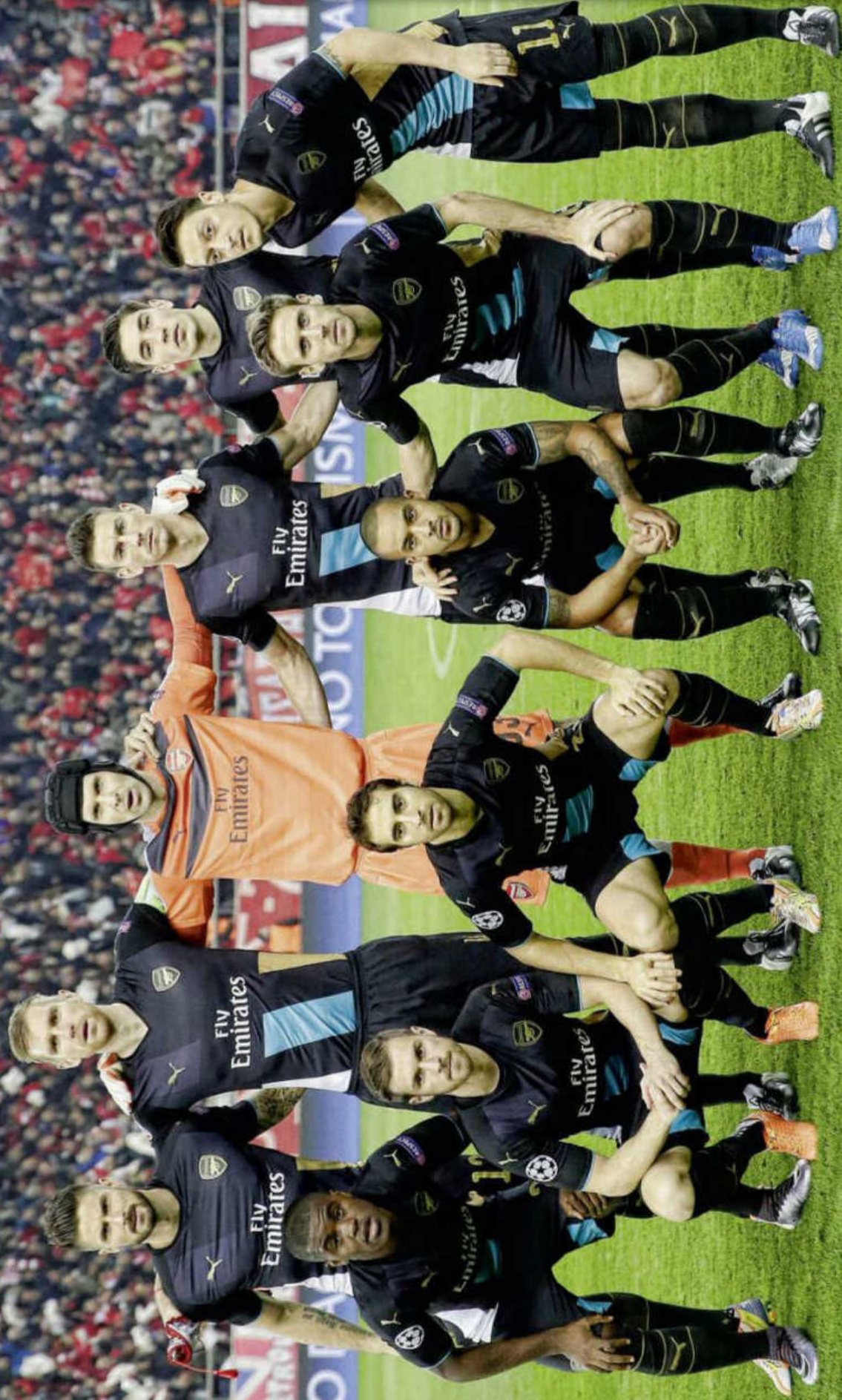
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Front row: Neymar, Dani Alves, Sergi Roberto, Andre Gomes



Xavi, Sergio Busquets, Thomas Vermaelen
and Luis Suarez

BARCELONA

ARSENAL



Back row: Olivier Giroud, Per Mertesacker, Petr Cech, Laurent Koscielny, Hector Bellerin
Front row: Joel Campbell, Aaron Ramsey, Mathieu Flamini, Theo Walcott, Nacho Monreal, Mesut Ozil

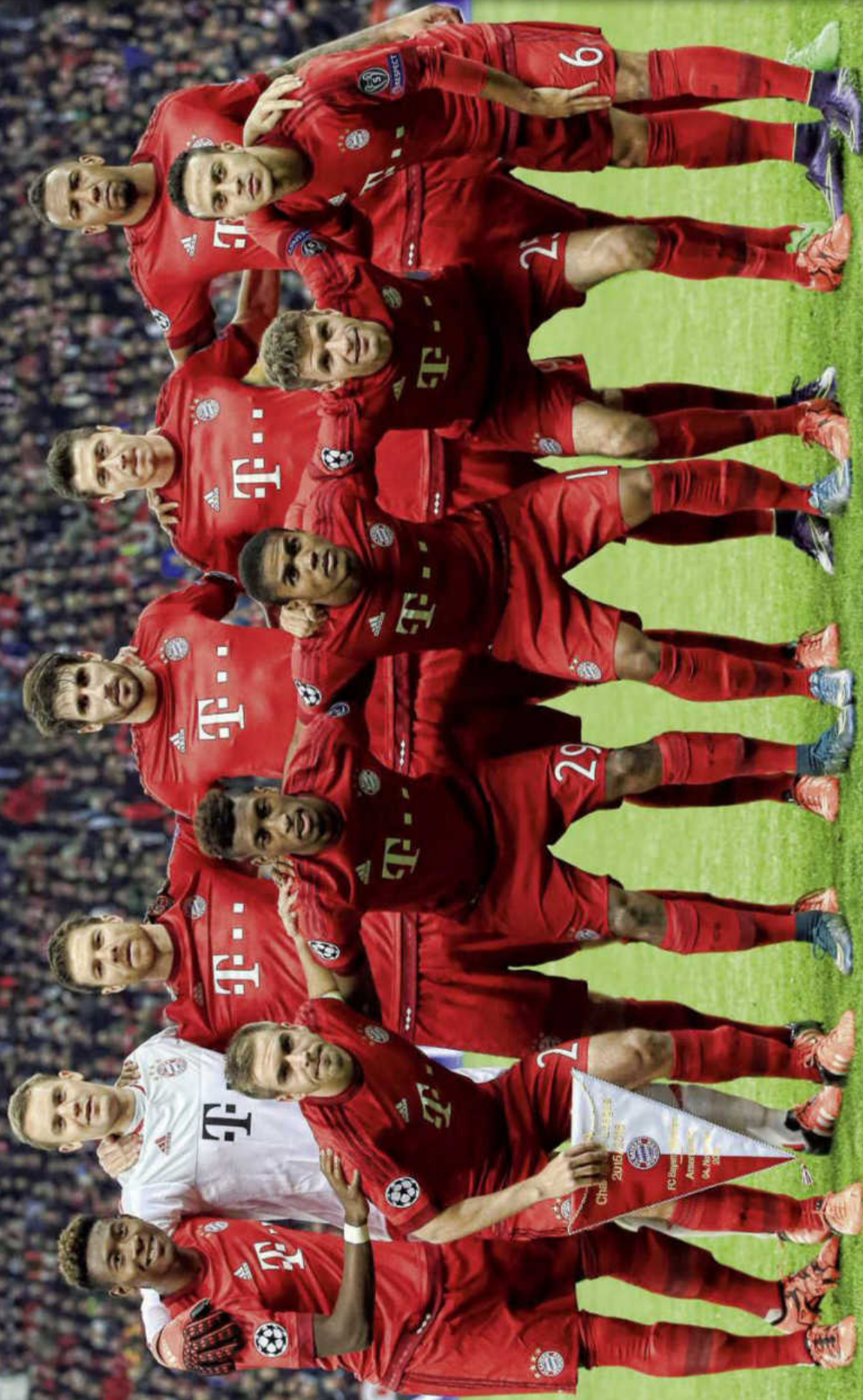
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BAYERN MUNICH



Back row: David Alaba, Manuel Neuer, Xabi Alonso, Javi Martinez, Robert Lewandowski, Jerome Boateng

Front row: Philipp Lahm, Kingsley Coman, Douglas Costa, Thomas Müller, Thiago

A group photograph of the Manchester City football team from the 2017-18 Premier League season. The players are posed in two rows on a green football pitch. The back row consists of seven players standing, while the front row has six players, some kneeling and some standing. They are wearing their light blue home kit with 'ETIHAD AIRWAYS' and the Premier League crest visible. The goalkeeper, Joe Hart, is wearing a purple kit. The players are holding the Premier League trophy. The background shows a large stadium filled with spectators.

THE BEST FOOTBALL MAGAZINE!

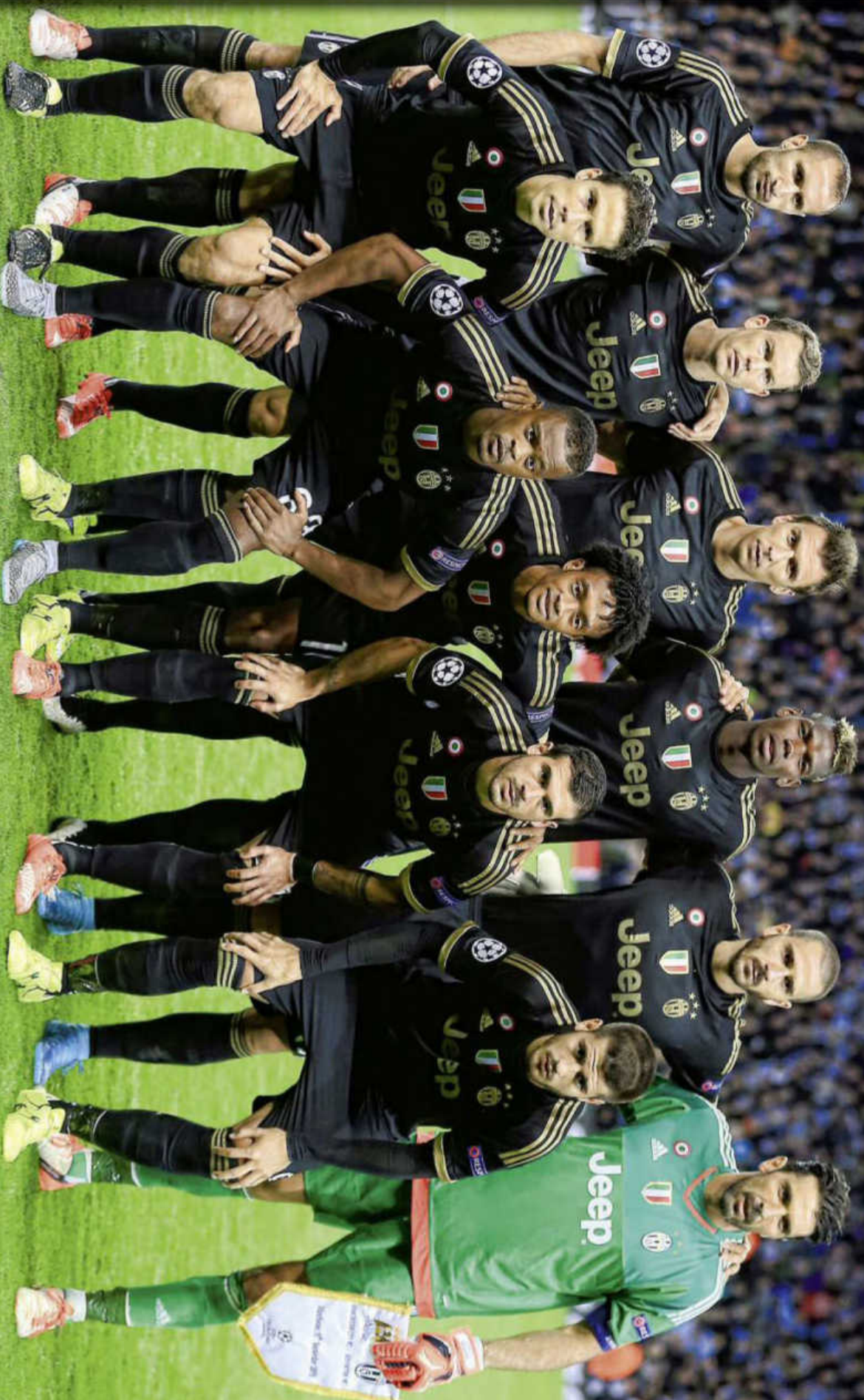
Front row: Bacary Sagna, Rahem Sterling, David Silva, Samir Nasri, Fernandinho

CHELSEA



Back row: Kurt Zouma, Nemanja Matic, John Terry, Gary Cahill, Diego Costa, Asmir Begovic
Front row: Cesar Azpilicueta, Cesc Fabregas, Eden Hazard, Ramires (now at Jiangsu Suning), Willian

JUVENTUS



MATCH!
THE BEST FOOTBALL MAGAZINE!

Back row: Giorgio Chiellini, Stephan Lichtsteiner, Mario Mandzukic, Paul Pogba, Leonardo Bonucci, Gianluigi Buffon
Front row: Hernanes, Patrice Evra, Juan Cuadrado, Stefano Sturaro, Alvaro Morata

PSG

Back row: Edinson Cavani, Marquinhos, Thiago Silva, Thiago Motta, Zlatan Ibrahimovic, Kevin Trapp
Front row: Angel di Maria, Serge Aurier, Maxwell, Marco Verratti, Blaise Matuidi

STAT ATTACK!

WAYNE ROONEY SPECIAL!

429 PREM GAMES

192 PREM GOALS

98 PREM ASSISTS



1

Champions
League



5

Premier League



1

FIFA Club
World Cup



2

League Cup



3

Community
Shield

177

He's netted 177
league strikes
for Man. United
- more Prem goals
for one club than
any other player!

PREM GOALS!
SINCE START OF 2006-07

RIGHT
FOOT

113

LEFT
FOOT

19

HEAD

18

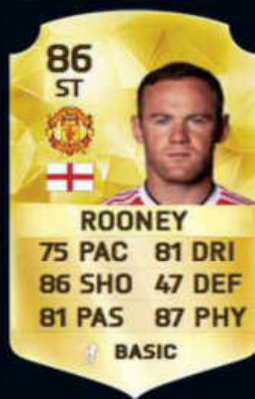


Wazza was just 16
years and 360 days old
when he scored his first
Prem goal for Everton
against Arsenal in 2002!





Rooney is Man. United's second highest goalscorer ever - he's just five strikes behind The Red Devils' all-time record holder, Bobby Charlton. What a legend!



23,000

That's how many coins it'll cost you to sign Rooney in FIFA 16 Ultimate Team!



CHAMPIONS LEAGUE CAREER

Games **85**

Goals **30**

Assists **17**

MOST PREM GOALS IN A SEASON

2011-12 **27**

2009-10 **26**

2013-14 **17**

2005-06 **16**

2006-07 **14**

2014-15 **12** 12 goals in three other seasons.

109  **51**
England Games England Goals

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He became the most expensive teenager of all time when he joined United from Everton for a fee rising to £27 million in August 2004!

WHAT A WEEK

TUESDAY
23

ARSENAL v BARCELONA

Arsenal have never gone through to the next round of the Champo League when they've faced Barça in the knockout stages, and even lost the 2006 final to the La Liga giants! If The Gunners want to end that run, these are the key battles they'll have to win at The Emirates!



BELLERIN v NEYMAR

Speedster Hector Bellerin has been one of Arsenal's unsung heroes this season, but Neymar will be a huge test for him! The Samba star's tricks and dribbling skills could tie the defender in knots!



SANCHEZ v DANI ALVES

This face-off is going to be a bit of a blur, because these two are rapid! Both have Pace ratings of nearly 90 on FIFA 16, and it's easy to see why! They could beat Usain Bolt in a race!



OZIL v BUSQUETS

We can't wait to see these two World Cup winners lock horns! Mesut Ozil has been The Gunners' best player this season, while Sergio Busquets is a legend in front of the Barça defence! It should be great to watch!



LIKELY LINE-UPS

Arsenal



Barcelona



WATCH IT!

Arsenal v Barcelona
BT Sport Europe ★ 7.45pm

OF FOOTY!

This week's games are gonna be off the charts! **MATCH** takes a closer look at the must-watch action!

TUESDAY 23 **JUVENTUS v BAYERN MUNICH**

Italian champs Juve are rock-solid at the back - they only let in three goals in the group stage, the joint-second best record in the competition! But Bayern ripped the net 19 times in just six games, so this should be an epic battle! Striker Robert Lewandowski could be the man to beat Gianluigi Buffon - he's lethal!

LEWA'S TOP SKILLS



DID YOU KNOW?

One of these teams has been in the Champions League final in three of the last four seasons!

LIKELY LINE-UPS

Juventus



Bayern Munich



WATCH IT!

Juventus v Bayern Munich
BT Sport Showcase ★ 7.45pm

THURSDAY 25 **TOTTENHAM v FIORENTINA**

Spurs will be looking for revenge after Fiorentina dumped them out of the Europa League round of 32 last season! The Prem title-chasers barely broke sweat in the group stage, winning four out of their six matches, while Fiorentina finished second behind Basel. Can Pochettino's men do it?

DANGER MAN JOSIP ILICIC

Viola fans were gutted when Mohamed Salah's loan ended last summer, but epic attacker Ilcic has made them forget him! He bagged 15 goals and assists combined in his first 17 Serie A starts this season, and netted two Europa League strikes too!

DID YOU KNOW?

Fiorentina have only won one of their last seven away games in all comps!

LIKELY LINE-UPS

Tottenham



Fiorentina



WATCH IT!

Tottenham v Fiorentina
BT Sport ★ 8.05pm

SATURDAY
27

REAL MADRID v ATLETICO MADRID

This is another match between an awesome attack and a rock-solid defence! Real hit 70 goals in their first 24 La Liga games, while Atletico only conceded 11! Check out the key players ahead of the big derby!



**JAN
OBLAK**

TOP SKILL:
RAPID REFLEXES

2015-16
GAMES **24**

2015-16
CLEAN SHEETS **15**



**KARIM
BENZEMA**

TOP SKILL:
LETHAL FINISHING

2015-16
GAMES **19**

2015-16
GOALS **19**



**DIEGO
GODIN**

TOP SKILL:
MONSTER HEADERS

2015-16
GAMES **23**

2015-16
GOALS AGAINST **10**

**CRISTIANO
RONALDO**

TOP SKILL:
UNSTOPPABLE SHOOTING

2015-16
GAMES **24**

2015-16
GOALS **21**

LIKELY LINE-UPS

Real Madrid



Atletico Madrid



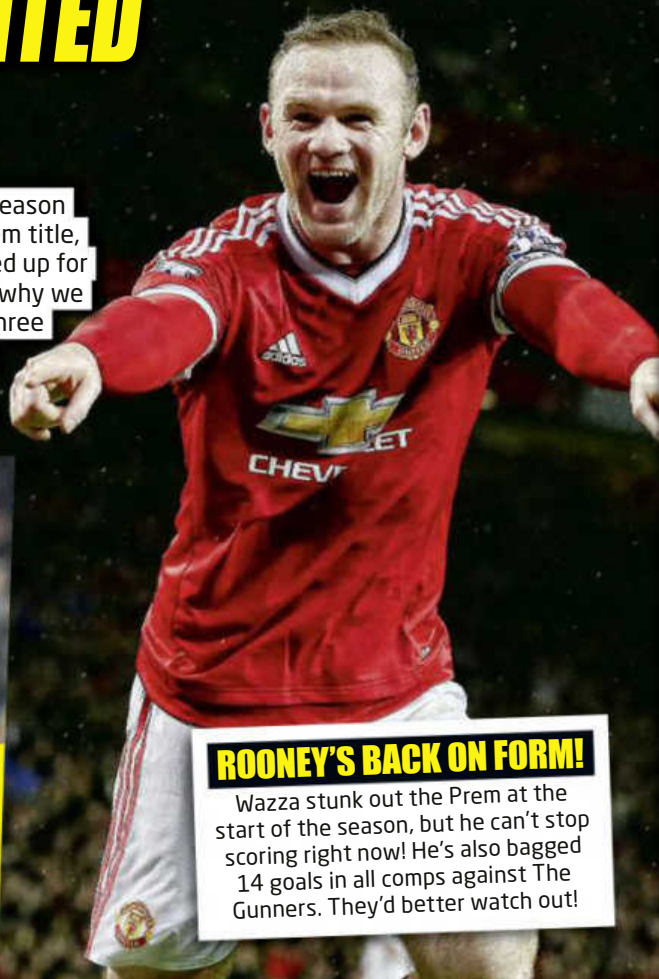
WATCH IT!

Real Madrid v Atletico
Channel TBC ★ 3pm

SUNDAY
28

MAN. UNITED v ARSENAL

United have been hit-and-miss this season and The Gunners are chasing the Prem title, but The Red Devils always get pumped up for the big games at Old Trafford! Here's why we think the home team could get the three points and wreck Arsenal's title bid!



HEAD-TO-HEAD RECORD!

United are unbeaten at home in the league against Arsenal for ten years, including a famous 8-2 win in 2011! The Gunners have only won three of the last 18 clashes in all comps, too!

ROONEY'S BACK ON FORM!

Wazza stunk out the Prem at the start of the season, but he can't stop scoring right now! He's also bagged 14 goals in all comps against The Gunners. They'd better watch out!

LIKELY LINE-UPS

Man. United



Arsenal



WATCH IT!

Man. United v Arsenal
Sky Sports 1 ★ 2.05pm

SUNDAY

28

LIVERPOOL v MAN. CITY

Liverpool face Man. City in the Capital One Cup final on Sunday at Wembley, and there are tons of reasons why it could be the best final in ages. Check them out!

DID YOU KNOW?

Liverpool haven't lost in their last eight cup clashes against City - a run that goes all the way back to 1973!



GOAL CRAZY!

This clash is always packed with goals! The net's been busted 32 times in the last eight games - an average of four goals per match! Get ready for more net rippers!



KLOPP v PELLEGRINI

Loads of teams don't take the League Cup seriously, but that won't happen this weekend. Jurgen Klopp is trying to win his first trophy in English football, while this could be Manuel Pellegrini's last chance for silverware as City boss!

TROPHY CABINET

KLOPP		PELLEGRINI	
LEAGUE TITLES	2	LEAGUE TITLES	4
GERMAN CUP	1	LEAGUE CUP	1
GERMAN SUPER CUP	2	INTERCITY CUP	1



SOUTH AMERICAN STARS!

South Americans have bags of tricks and flair, and there's gonna be loads on show on Sunday! Liverpool have got Samba stars Coutinho and Firmino, while Aguero, Fernandinho and Zabaleta are South American heroes. Carnival!

LIKELY LINE-UPS

Liverpool



Man. City



WATCH IT!

Liverpool v Man. City
Sky Sports 1 ★ 4.30pm

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THINGS TO FOR THIS

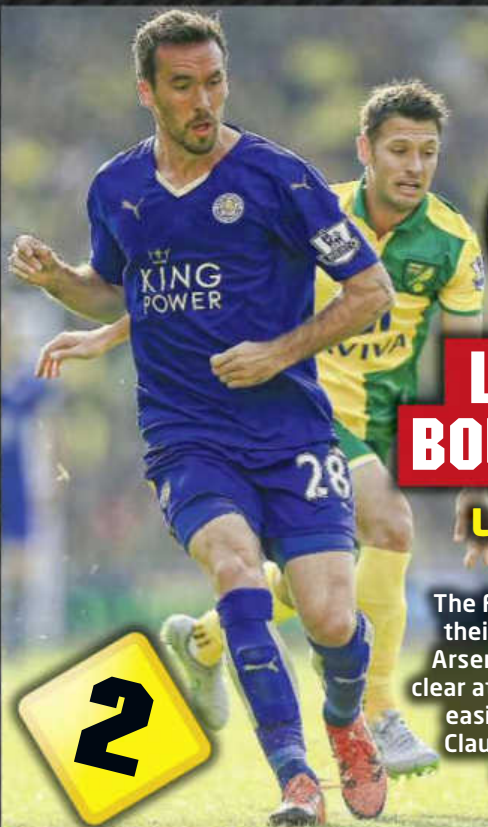


SWANSEA'S WHITE HART LANE HOODOO!

Tottenham v Swansea
Sunday, 2.05pm

Swansea won Francesco Guidolin's first game in charge away to Everton, and now he's hoping to guide them to a first league win at White Hart Lane! Spurs' title charge was going under the radar until they beat Man. City, so now they could start feeling the pressure!

1



LEICESTER TO BOUNCE BACK?

Leicester v Norwich
Saturday, 3pm

The Foxes were gutted after losing their huge title six-pointer against Arsenal, but they're still two points clear at the top and now have a much easier set of fixtures to come! Can Claudio Ranieri's side kick that run off with three points at home against struggling Norwich?

2



LOOK OUT WEEKEND!

WEEKEND PREVIEW!



MATCH checks out the big talking points ahead of this weekend's massive Premier League action!



BIG SAM'S RETURN!

West Ham v Sunderland

Saturday, 12.45pm

This time last year, Sunderland boss Sam Allardyce was at West Ham and they were on 39 points - one less than their current total. But The Hammers only won two more games after that! Can Slaven Bilic's boys prove they're better off without their old gaffer or will Big Sam have the last laugh?



JT'S BID TO STAY AT THE BLUES!

Southampton v Chelsea

Saturday, 3pm

With Kurt Zouma ruled out for six months, John Terry now has the chance to prove how important he is to Chelsea and earn a new deal! But the skipper will need to put in a much better performance than his last game against Southampton - he didn't make a single tackle when the Saints won 3-1 at Stamford Bridge in October!



AVOID THE SLIPPERY SLOPE!

West Brom v Crystal Palace

Saturday, 5.30pm

Every year, a mid-table club that everyone thinks are safe gets dragged into the relegation battle, and this season it could be one of these two! Between them they've only won twice in 2016, and another defeat here for either team could spell danger!



TURN OVER FOR PREDICT THE RESULT...

PREDICT THE...

RESULT!

WEEKEND
PREVIEW!



Can you guess more correct Prem scores than MATCH?

WEST HAM
v
SUNDERLAND

"Sunderland have looked much better under Big Sam, so I predict they'll get a point!"

BEN SAYS 2-2

YOU SAY

LEICESTER
v
NORWICH

"My score prediction is being kind to Norwich, because I think The Foxes will run riot here!"

BEN SAYS 3-0

YOU SAY



SOUTHAMPTON
v
CHELSEA

"These two have improved in the second half of the season, so I really can't pick a winner!"

BEN SAYS 1-1

YOU SAY

STOKE
v
ASTON VILLA

"Will Villa's great escape start here? No! 2-1 home win with Shaqiri scoring a deadly double!"

BEN SAYS 2-1

YOU SAY



WATFORD
v
BOURNEMOUTH

"Bournemouth's away form has been epic recently, but I still think The Hornets will win!"

BEN SAYS 2-1

YOU SAY

WEST BROM
v
CRYSTAL PALACE

"I'm falling asleep just thinking about this match! Palace will nick the points in a scrappy game!"

BEN SAYS 0-1

YOU SAY

MAN. UNITED
v
ARSENAL

"Arsenal will win at Old Trafford in the Prem for the first time in ten years. Walcott to rip net!"

BEN SAYS 1-2

YOU SAY

TOTTENHAM
v
SWANSEA

"Swansea have only won twice away from home this season, and they won't make it three here!"

BEN SAYS 3-1

YOU SAY



MATCH! LEADERBOARD

1	JAMIE	28
2	JAMES	26
3	STEVE	25
4	BEN	17

FINAL
SCORE!

Give yourself three points for a correct
scoreline and one for the right result!

**BEN'S
SCORE**

**YOUR
SCORE**

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ENTER!**

<http://winit.matchmag.co.uk>

Competition winners must be aged 16 or under. For full T&Cs, turn to page 63.

Epic Gaming Headset!



We've teamed up with our mates at Turtle Beach to give away an awesome Star Wars Battlefront Sandtrooper gaming headset!



The ultra-cool Star Wars Battlefront Sandtrooper gaming headset is compatible with Xbox One, PlayStation4 and PC, plus mobile and tablet devices! For loads more epic gaming headsets, check out www.turtlebeach.com

New Balance Visaro Control Boots!

CLOSING DATE: Mar. 23

LOVELL soccer

Thanks to Lovell Soccer, we've got a pair of wicked New Balance FG boots up for grabs! The lava, fireball, impulse and white version is the third and brightest Visaro Control colourway yet. Class!

Winning boot is junior size only.



Lovell Soccer offer free personalisation on all their boots. For more info, head to www.lovellsoccer.co.uk

HOW TO ENTER!

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BIG MATCH! QUIZ

CL STRIKER SPECIAL



Can you work out the mystery CL striker from the clues below?

➤ I joined my current club from Napoli in 2012 for £55 million!

➤ I've never won the Champo League, but I've won Ligue 1 twice!

➤ I played against England in the last World Cup, and my team won the match!

5 QUESTIONS ON...

KARIM BENZEMA



1 How old is the France striker - 28, 29 or 30?

2 Which French club did Real Madrid sign the ace hitman from in 2009?

3 True or False? Benzema is France's all-time record goalscorer with 27 goals!

4 How many times has the Real hero won the Champions League - none, once, twice or three times?

5 What number does the goal machine wear on the back of his Real Madrid shirt?

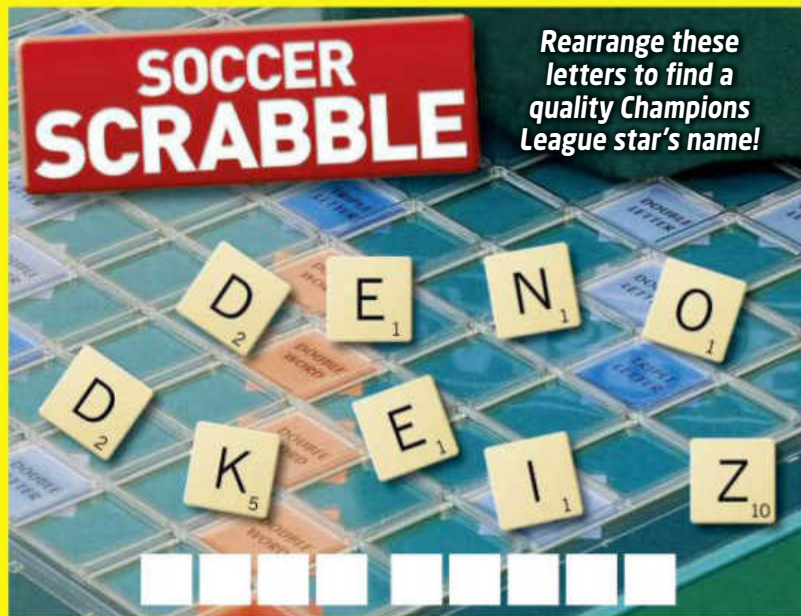
FLIPPED!

Which super CL striker's face has been messed up in this weird pic?



SOCCER SCRABBLE

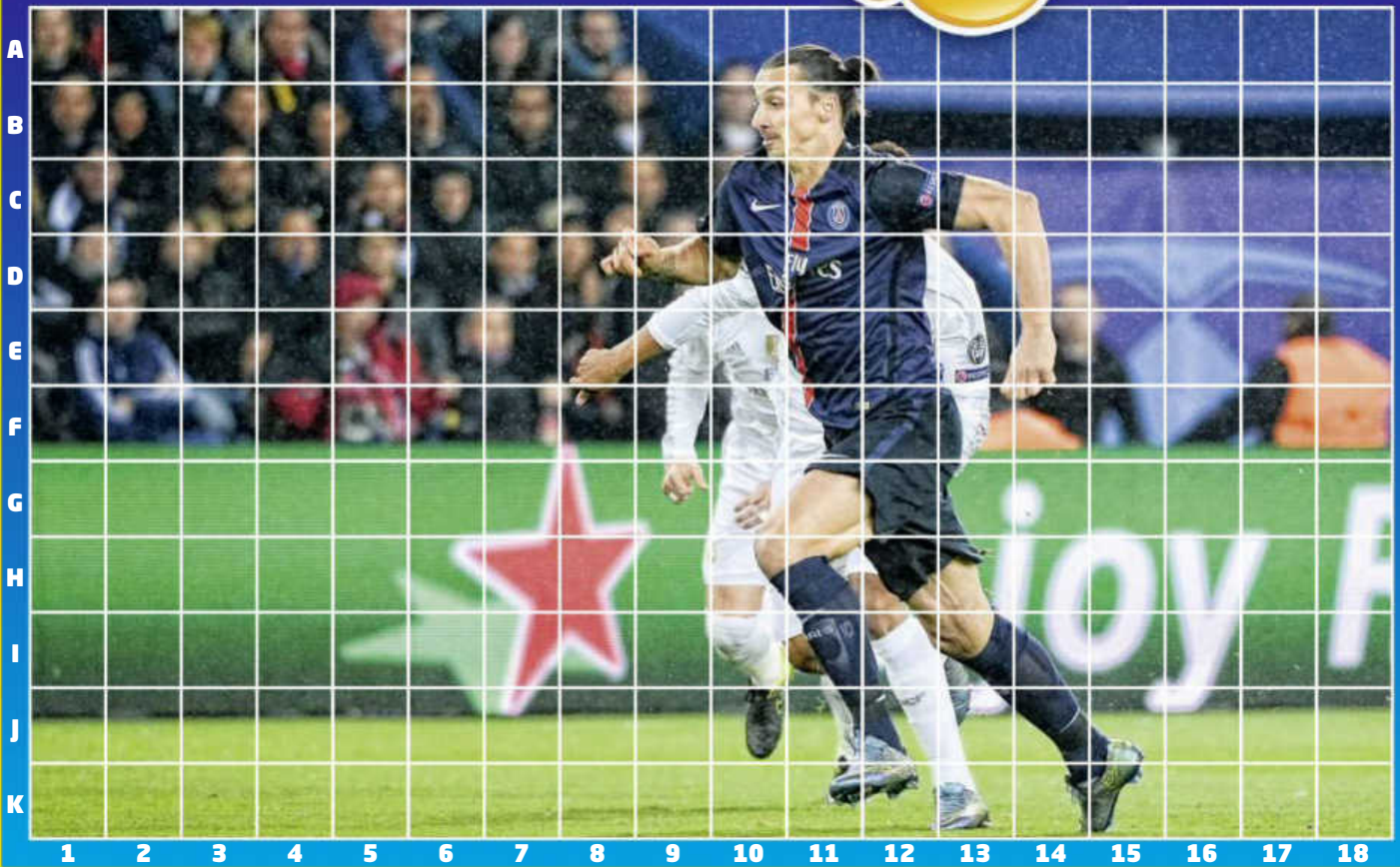
Rearrange these letters to find a quality Champions League star's name!



SPOT THE BALL!



Mark where you think the ball is in this cool action pic!



Antoine Griezmann
Atletico Madrid



Bas Dost
Wolfsburg

NAME THE COUNTRY!



Which countries do these CL goal kings call their home?



Artem Dzyuba
Zenit



Paulo Dybala
Juventus

EURO STARS!

Which CL teams do these top finishers play for?

1. Mario Mandzukic

4. Jese

2. Luuk de Jong

5. Kelechi Iheanacho

3. Jonas

6. Angel Correa



BIG MATCH! QUIZ

CL MIDFIELDER SPECIAL

FLASHBACK!



Can you name the awesome CL midfielder in this photo from back in 2009?



FIFA 16 CHALLENGE!

Who are the Roma stars on these FUT Cards?



Tiago

Angel di Maria

Ramires

Axel Witsel



CLUB SHARERS!



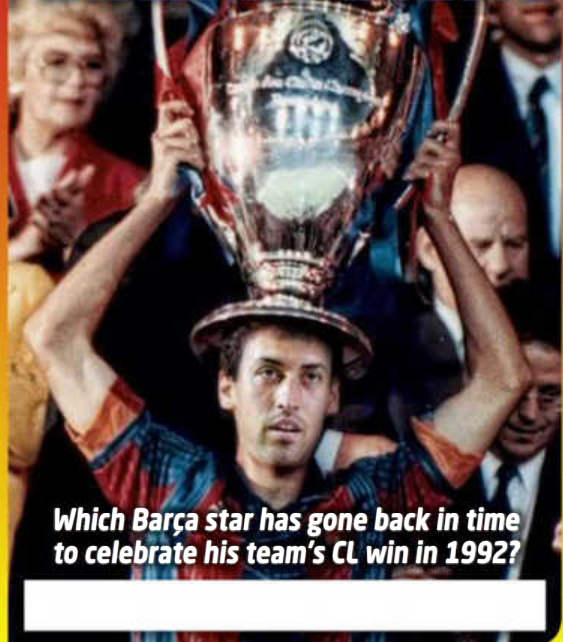
Nemanja Matic

Which CL club have these midfielders all played for?



Lazar Markovic

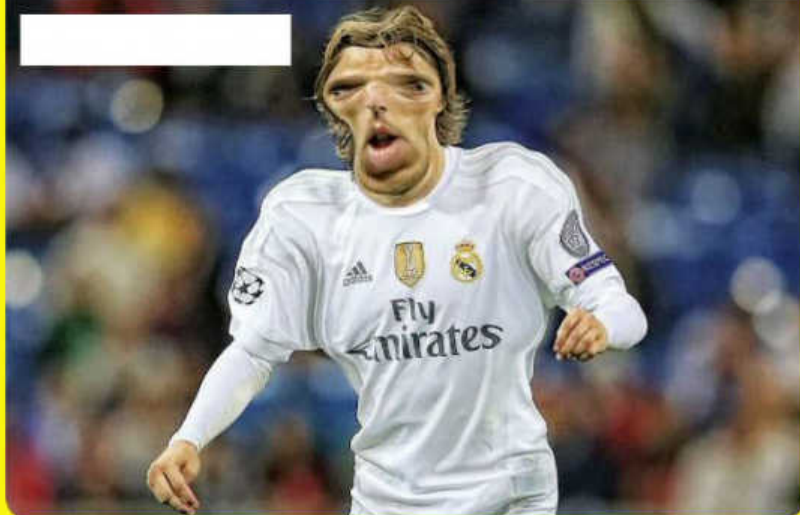
BACK TO THE FUTURE



Which Barça star has gone back in time to celebrate his team's CL win in 1992?

MEGA MASH-UP!

Which CL hero looks mega weird in this picture?



WORDFIT

Fit 30 CL midfielders into this monster grid!

Casemiro

Cazorla

Coquelin

Draxler

Fabregas

Fernando

Gabi

Gaitan

Guardado

Gustavo

Hazard

Iniesta

James

Khedira

Koke

Kroos

Marchisio

Mikel

Nainggolan

Rabiot

Rakitic

Ramsey

Roberto

Silva

Strootman

Tiago

Toure

Veloso

Verratti

Vidal

V
I
D
A
L

BIG MATCH! QUIZ

CL DEFENDER SPECIAL

GAME



CHANGER!

Which Atletico Madrid defender scored the opening goal in the 2014 Champions League final against mega rivals Real?



TRANSFER TRACKER!

Fill in the gaps in the career of crazy PSG and Brazil centre-back David Luiz!

2006-07

Vitoria

2007-11

?

2011-14

?

2014-

PSG



Vincent Kompany



Per Mertesacker



Jeremy Mathieu



Filipe Luis



ODD ONE OUT!

Only one of these defenders has a CL medal - which one is it?

Mats Hummels



Giorgio Chiellini



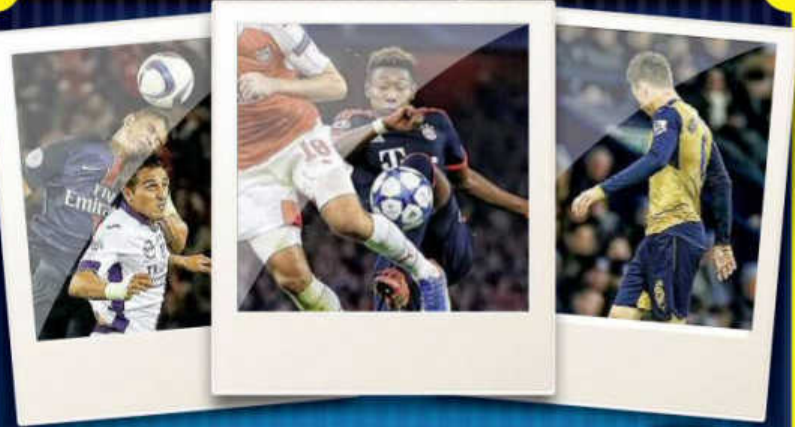
Use these clues to work out the mystery star!

▶ I wear the No.17 shirt for the Bundesliga champions!

▶ I used to play for a big Prem club!

▶ I fell over trying to tackle Lionel Messi last season!





CAMERA SHY!

Which Champions League defenders are hiding from the MATCH snapper?





FOOTY MIS-MATCH

Spot the ten differences between these two pics!



1		6	
2		7	
3		8	
4		9	
5		10	

QUIZ ANSWERS!



CL Striker Special

Who Am I?: Edinson Cavani.

Benzema Quiz:

1. 28; 2. Lyon; 3. False; 4. Once; 5. No.9.

Flipped: Diego Costa.

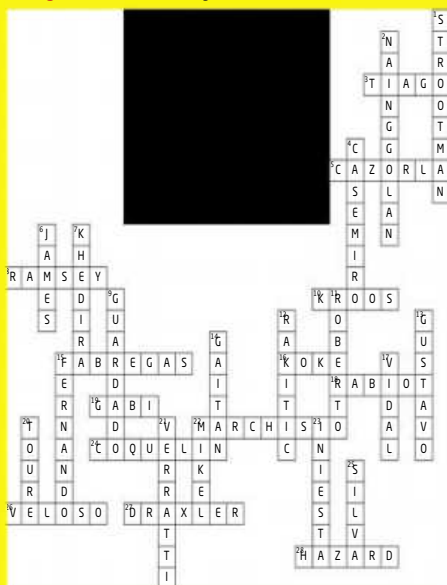
Soccer Scrabble: Edin Dzeko.

Spot The Ball: €4.

Name The Country: Griezmann - France;
Dost - Holland; Dzyuba - Russia; Dybala - Argentina.

Euro Stars: 1. Juventus; 2. PSV; 3. Benfica; 4. Real Madrid; 5. Man. City; 6. Atletico Madrid.

Crazy Kit: Wilfried Bony.



CL Midfielder Special

Flashback: Paul Pogba.

FIFA 16: Mohamed Salah & Miralem Pjanic.

Club Sharers: Benfica.

Back To The Future: Sergio Busquets.

Mega Mash-Up: Luka Modric.

Wordfit: See bottom left.

CL Defender Special

Game Changer: Diego Godin.

Transfer Tracker:
2007-11 - Benfica; 2011-14 - Chelsea.

Odd One Out: Jeremy Mathieu.

Who Am I?: Jerome Boateng.

Camera Shy:

Thiago Silva, David Alaba & Laurent Koscielny.

Footy Mis-Match: See above.



One point for each correct answer!

MY SCORE

173



HOW WELL DID YOU DO?

66-73

Champions League Legend!

56-65

Premier League Superstar!

41-55

Football League Wonderkid!

26-40

Non-League Veteran!

0-25

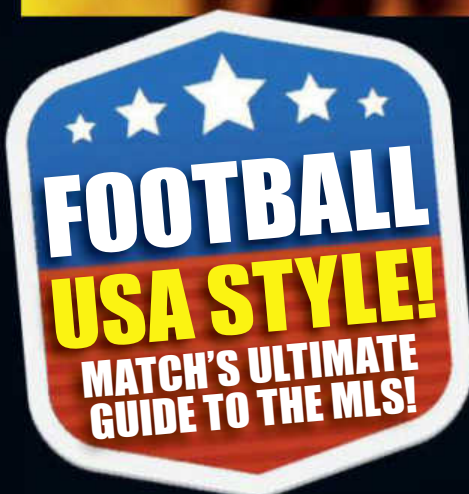
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63%

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After 25 games, **West Ham** had won 50% of their Prem matches when **Dimitri Payet** played but only 14% when he didn't!



16

Romelu Lukaku became Everton's joint-highest scorer in a single Prem season when he bagged against Stoke recently!



22

Javier Hernandez hit 22 goals in his first 26 games for Bayer Leverkusen in all comps!

3

Victor Wanyama's one of only two players to be sent off three times in a season since 2003-04!



100

Arsenal star **Mesut Ozil** created his 100th chance of the season at Bournemouth the other week!



43%

Leaders **Leicester** averaged just 43.3% possession after 26 Prem matches - the third lowest in the league!

1st

Luka Modric's epic screamer against Granada recently was his first league goal for Real Madrid since 2014!



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